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In one embodiment which utilizes Novell NDS software 140, the username and user password presented by the user are that user's regular NDS name and password, which the user would typically present when logging into the secure network 100 from an internal client. The user need not manage a separate username and/or password in order to login from an external client. The login screen presented to the user may also include contextual information, such as the user's context within an NDS tree. The border server 106 presents the NDS username and password to the familiar NDS user authentication system, and looks to that authentication system for rejection or validation of the authentication information. Instead of using a Novell Directory Services database 140, or in addition to that database, the user authentication system may include a Microsoft Windows NT Domain directory 140. An embodiment of the invention which does not utilize NDS software may also authenticate a user to all servers in the secure network 100 after recognizing a single user name and a single corresponding user password.